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Application No.: Unassigned	:	
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For: SHEET PUNCHING DEVICE AND	: September 8, 2003	
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	)	
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## **CLAIM TO PRIORITY**

Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority in the above-identified divisional application under the International Convention and all rights to which he is entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Application:

JAPAN 11-201746 July 15, 1999

A Claim to Priority, along with a certified copy of the priority document, was filed on October 31, 2000 in parent Application No. 09/617,539 of this divisional application.

Accordingly, a copy of the priority document is <u>not</u> being submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully request an acknowledgment in the first Official Action of

this divisional application that the certified copy of the priority document was received in

parent Application No. 09/617,539, and an indication that a submission of a certified copy

is <u>not</u> required in this divisional application.

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